

REMARKS

Prior to the entry of this paper, Claims 8-22, 25, 27, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, and 108-127 were pending. Claims 8-18, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, 108-116, 121, 122, 124, 126, and 127 were allowed, Claims 19, 21, 22, 25, 27, 117, 119, 120, 123, and 125 were rejected, and Claims 20 and 118 were objected to. In this paper, Claims 19 and 117 are amended, Claims 20 and 118, 22, 25, 27, 120, 123, and 125 are cancelled, and no new claims are added. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. After entry of this paper, Claims 8-19, 21, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, 108-117, 119, 121, 122, 124, 126, and 127 will be pending. And for at least the following reasons, each of the remaining pending claims is now in condition for allowance.

Allowable and Objected to Subject Matter

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 8-18, 37, 39-49, 97, 101-105, 108-116, 121, 122, 124, 126 and 127 are allowed. Applicants' representative also thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 20 and 118 include allowable subject matter and would be allowed if re-written in independent form.

In response to the objection to Claims 20 and 118, their respective independent Claims 19 and 117 have each been amended to include the allowable subject matter of their dependent claims. Also, since the subject matter of dependent Claims 20 and 118 is now included in the respective amended independent Claims 19 and 117, both of these dependent claims are cancelled herein. Thus, amended independent Claims 19 and 117 are now in condition for allowance, along with their respective dependent Claims 21 and 119.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C §102 and §103

Claims 19, 21, 22, 25, 117, 119, 120 and 123 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0103489 to MacInnis et al. ("MacInnis").

The objected to subject matter of dependent Claims 20 and 118 is now included in their respective amended independent Claims 19 and 117, and these amended claims are now in condition for allowance. Also, since Claim 21 depends from amended independent Claim 19 and

Claim 119 depends from amended independent Claim 117, both of these dependent claims are at least allowable for the same reasons as their respective independent claims.

Applicant's Attorney disagrees with the anticipatory rejection of Claims 22, 25, 120 and 123 over MacInnis, and these claims are only cancelled herein to place the application in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 27 and 125 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,629,720 to Cherry et al. ("Cherry"). Applicant's Attorney completely disagrees with the obviousness rejection of Claims 27 and 125 over Cherry, and these claims are only cancelled at this time to place the application in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, although Claims 22, 25, 27, 120, 123, and 125 are cancelled herein, no admission is made on the part of the Applicant as to the legitimacy of their rejection. And the right to file a continuation application that includes the subject matter of at least these cancelled claims is reserved.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, Applicants' Attorney believes all of the pending Claims in the application are now in condition for allowance.

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